

## **ADVS State Veterans/Military Legislation Update**

### **55th Arizona Legislature, Second Regular Session**

**Friday, April 08, 2022**

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**SCR = Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**SR = Senate Resolution**

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### **Bills Impacting Veterans/Military**

#### **Senate Bills**

#### **SB 1095 property tax exemptions; statutory conformity**

- Conditional on the voter approval of S.C.R. \_\_\_\_\_, exempts, from property tax, the property of veterans with service or nonservice-connected disabilities who are Arizona residents.
- Inserts the correlating resolution for the conditional enactment.
- Updates the exemption amount for widows, widowers, persons with a disability and veterans with a service or nonservice-connected disability to reflect the present-day amount of \$4,117, which is statutorily required to be increased based on the average annual percentage increase in the Gross Domestic Product price deflator.
- Updates the exemption amount for property used in trade or in business or for agricultural purposes to reflect the present-day amount of \$195,878.
- Updates the total assessment limit and the household income limit to reflect the present-day amounts.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. JD Mesnard, R-Dist. 17

**Major Actions:** 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee by a vote of 9-0-1-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed Proper for Consideration by Senate Rules Committee. 01 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 08 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-0-3-0. Transmitted to the House.

**23 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 02 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee by a vote of 9-1-0-0.**

**SB 1170 (NOW: G&F; tags; permits; voter registration)**

- Allows for the transfer of a Game & Fish license or permit to a minor child whose parent was:
  - Killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;
  - Killed in the course and scope of employment as a peace officer; or
  - Killed in the course and scope of employment as a professional firefighter who is a member of a state, federal, tribal, city, town, county, district or private fire department.
- Allows the Commission to prescribe a manner of refunding the cost of a big game permit to the following individuals:
  - An active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is ordered to leave this state during the time period in which the big game permit or tag is valid for the taking of wildlife.
  - A peace officer who is assigned to special duty during the time period in which the big game permit or tag is valid for the taking of wildlife.
  - A professional firefighter who is a member of a state, federal, tribal, city, town, county, district or private fire department and who is assigned to special duty during the time period in which the big game permit or tag is valid for the taking of wildlife.
- Expands the definition of qualified organization to include a nonprofit organization that affords opportunities and experiences to minor children whose parents were killed in action while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or in the course and scope of employment as peace officers or professional firefighters.
- Requires the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) to provide:
  - assistance with voter registration when accepting applications for a hunting, fishing or trapping license (license); and
  - an applicant with an online license application with a link to the Arizona Department of Transportation's voter registration webpage.
- Requires each AZGFD office that accepts applications for a license in person to provide a voter registration form to an applicant.
- Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to provide AZGFD with voter registration forms and instructions to applicants to mail completed voter registration forms to the SOS.
- Requires the SOS to forward completed registration forms to the appropriate county recorder to determine eligibility of an applicant and add the names of eligible applicants to the voter registration rolls. Prohibits voter registration information that is public information and generated from applicants for a license from providing any public indication of the source of the registrations.
- Specifies that persons who act to register applicants for a license to vote are not deputy registrars. Defines department and license.

**Adopted House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee Amendment**

Allows the Game & Fish Commission to limit the number or use of licenses that are issued to nonresidents or permits that are issued to nonresidents and that are not issued in a random drawing and exempts the Commission from rulemaking requirements pertaining to limits on the number or use of licenses or permits that are issued to nonresidents.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. David Gowan, R-Dist. 14

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed Proper for Consideration by Senate Rules Committee. 01 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 09 Feb 2022- RETAINED on the Committee of the Whole calendar. 23 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate

**Committee of the Whole. 24 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 21-7-2-0. 25 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.**

**01 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs and Rules Committees. 14 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee by a vote of 11-0-0-0. 21 Mar 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 22 Mar 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.**

### **SB 1263 housing trust fund; shelter services**

Requires monies transferred from the Arizona industrial development authority to the Housing Trust Fund to be used to support emergency and transitional homeless shelters and specifies that at least fifty percent of the monies transferred from the Arizona Industrial Development Authority must be used to support emergency and transitional homeless shelter services.

#### **Adopted House Health & Human Services Strike Everything Amendment**

S/E Title: lottery fund; shelter services

Increases the amount of monies allocated from the State Lottery Fund to the Department of Economic Security for grants to nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organization, for homeless emergency and transitional shelters and related support services from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 and specifies that this allocation is exempt from lapsing.

#### **Adopted House Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment**

S/E Title: lottery fund; shelter services

Increases the amount of monies allocated from the State Lottery Fund to the Department of Economic Security for grants to nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organization, for homeless emergency and transitional shelters and related support services from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 and specifies that this allocation is exempt from lapsing.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. David Livingston, R-Dist. 22

**Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2022- HELD in the Senate Appropriations Committee. 22 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0. 23 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 03 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 03 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 26-1-3-0. 04 Mar 2022- Transmitted to the House.**

**08 March 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 21 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended Strike Everything” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 8-1-0-0. 23 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee by a vote of 10-1-0-2.**

### **SB 1581 (NOW: housing; grants; homelessness; camping; appropriation)**

- Allows the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) to distribute grants to a municipality or county to establish a sanctioned camping site for homeless individuals. Appropriates \$50,000,000 from monies allocated to Arizona from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to ADOH.
- Requires a municipality or county and the sanctioned camping site, in order to be eligible to receive a grant, to comply with the following:
  - provide sanitary facilities, potable water and on-site security and implement a progressive engagement case management model;

- be integrated into the local coordinated entry system for homeless services;
  - set low barriers to entry for potential homeless residents;
  - allow homeless individuals to camp and store personal property in areas designated by the operator of the sanctioned camping site; and
  - establish rules for the safety of the residents, including mental health or substance abuse evaluations and allows an individual to be removed for a violation of these rules
- Requires ADOH to establish a program, including site considerations and other operating policies and prioritize safe camping sites but allows ADOH to fund indoor encampment structures, tiny homes or similar low-cost structures that can be assembled quickly.
- Allows ADOH to disburse grant monies to a municipality, county or nonprofit organization to establish or support multidisciplinary homeless outreach teams.
- Requires a multidisciplinary homeless outreach team to be composed of at least one from each of the following groups:
  - peer providers, law enforcement officers or mental health providers; and
  - social service providers, contract off-duty law enforcement officers or contracted security officers.
- Requires a multidisciplinary homeless outreach team to work to move individuals that are sleeping and camping in public or private places not fit for human habitation into homeless services, housing shelters or sanctioned camping sites.
- Asserts a municipality, county or designated operator of the sanctioned camping site is not liable in any civil action that arises out of the operation of the sanctioned camping site unless the claim involves intentional or grossly negligent conduct.
- Appropriates \$50,000,000 from monies allocated from ARPA to ADOH in FY 2023 to distribute as follows:
  - \$30,000,000 to municipalities or counties or a consortium of municipalities and counties to establish sanctioned camping sites for homeless individuals; and
  - \$20,000,000 to municipalities or counties or nonprofit organizations to establish or support multidisciplinary homeless outreach teams.

#### Adopted House Appropriations Committee Amendment

- Specifies that the municipality or county and the sanctioned camping site, in order to be eligible to receive a grant, must comply with outlined requirements at a minimum.
- Allows a municipality or county, in lieu of continuing enforcement, to demonstrate to the satisfaction of ADOH on application that unsheltered homeless individuals, outside of sanctioned camping sites, will be reduced by at least 80 percent.
- Allows ADOH to disburse grants to a municipality, county or nonprofit organization to establish or support multidisciplinary homeless outreach teams *in connection with the monies for a sanctioned camping site*.
- Directs all unexpended or unencumbers monies remaining from the appropriation to ADOH to be transferred to AHCCCS to supplement the Mental Health Block Grant on December 31, 2023.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. David Livingston, R-Dist. 22

**Major Actions:** 01 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee. 15 Feb 2022- Additionally assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. 22 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 9-1-0-0. 23 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 03 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 03 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 19-8-3-0. 04 Mar 2022- Transmitted to the House.

08 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 21 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 5-4-0-0. **23 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee by a vote of 10-1-0-2.**

### **SB 1607 state guard; volunteers**

Adds establishing a chain of command and a process by which individuals may volunteer and report for duty with the Arizona state guard into the rules that govern the administration and organization of the Arizona state guard.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Kelly Townsend, R-Dist. 16

**Major Actions:** 01 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 17 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 7-0-1-0. 21 Feb 2022 deemed “Proper for Consideration” by Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 28-0-2-0. 24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.

14 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committee. 21 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 7-6-1-0. 28 Mar 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. **29 Mar 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.**

### **SB 1657 ESAs; STOs; student empowerment fund**

- Expands the definition of a qualified student for an ESA to include a child:
  - who is identified as having a disability by a public school system in another state;
  - whose parent is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or a first responder;
  - whose parent is a full-time health professional who provides direct patient care;
  - who meets the federal free and reduced-price lunch income eligibility requirements under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts;
  - whose household receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or Section 8 Public Housing Assistance benefits;
  - who receives federal Title I services for low-income students under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA);
  - who resides within the attendance boundary of a school that qualifies for schoolwide Title I Program funding under the ESSA;
  - who participates in, or previously participated in, the executive Education Recovery Benefit Program, the Open for Learning Recovery Benefit Program or any successor state grant program providing educational services to students attending a school district that ceases in-person instruction during a school year or implements a student mandate in violation of state law; and
  - who resides within the attendance boundary of a school district whose governing board submitted a plan to the School Facilities Oversight Board, within the previous two years, requesting new construction or school addition monies due to enrollment projections exceeding existing capacity according to building adequacy standards.
- Entitles a child with an ESA to Classroom Site Fund (CSF) monies.
- Establishes the Student Empowerment Fund (Empowerment Fund) to fund the ESAs of specified qualified students, consisting of a portion of the additional 0.6 percent transaction privilege tax and use tax for education (0.6 percent TPT and use tax) revenues.
- Repeals the individual Credit for Contributions to Certified Student Tuition Organizations (STOs) and modifies caps relating to remaining STO tax credits.

### **Adopted House Ways & Means Committee Amendment**

- Removes from the definition of qualified student:

- A child whose household receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits;
- That receives targeted assistance services or who resides within the attendance boundary of a school that qualifies for schoolwide Title I program funding for low-income students;
- A child who previously participated in:
  - The Educational Recovery Benefit Program;
  - The Open for Learning Recovery Program; or
  - Any successor grant program established by the state that provides educational services to students of a school district that ceases to provide in-person instruction during a school year;
- A child who resides within the attendance boundary of a school district whose governing board submitted a plan within the last two years requesting monies for new construction or an addition to an existing school due to enrollment projections exceeding existing capacity; and
- The child of a parent who is a first responder or health professional.
- Revises the definition of qualified student to include:
  - A child who receives targeted assistance services or at a school with a Title I targeted assistance program or a child who would receive targeted assistance services at the kindergarten program for which they are eligible.
  - A child who resides within the attendance boundary of a school that qualifies for schoolwide Title I program funding for low-income students and who attends a school or is eligible for a kindergarten program at the school.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Paul Boyer, R-Dist. 20

**Major Actions:** 02 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Education and Rules Committees. 08 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Education Committee by a vote of 5-3-0-0. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. 15 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 16 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 16 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 16-12-2-0. 17 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.

16 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 23 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee by a vote of 6-4-0-0.

### [SCR 1011 constitutional property tax exemptions](#)

Subject to voter approval, amends the Constitution of Arizona to repeal sections relating to property tax exemptions and replaces the sections with one consolidated property tax exemption section and allows the Legislature to exempt the following:

- Property of an educational, charitable or religious association or institution that is not used or held for profit;
- Personal property that is used in a trade or business or for agricultural purposes;
- Cemeteries that are set apart and used to inter deceased human beings;
- The property of a widow or widower who is an Arizona resident;
- Property of an Arizona resident who is at least 18 years-old and has a medically certified total and permanent disability; and
- The property of an honorably discharged veteran who is an Arizona resident with a service or non-service-related disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. JD Mesnard, R-Dist. 17

**Major Actions:** 10 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from Senate Finance



Committee by a vote of 7-3-0-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed Proper for Consideration by Senate Rules Committee. 01 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 09 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 17-12-1-0. Transmitted to the House.

23 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. **02 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee by a vote of 9-1-0-0.**

## **House Bills**

### **HB 2062 military; purple heart; VLT exemptions**

- Exempts a veteran who is a bona fide purple heart recipient who has been honorably discharged, from a VLT or registration fee for a personally owned vehicle; and
- States that the exemption only applies to one vehicle.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Representative Walter Blackman, R-Dist. 6

**Major Actions:** 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Transportation Committee by a vote of 12-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 59-0-1-0. 25 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

01 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. 21 Mar 2022.- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee by a vote of 7-0-2-0. **28 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

### **HB 2087 memorial; American Revolution; patriots’ plaque**

- Authorizes the Department of Administration to provide for the placement in Wesley Bolin Plaza of a Daughters of the American Revolution memorial plaque dedicated to commemorating the patriots of the American Revolution on the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States.
- Specifies that public monies are not authorized for the costs of the memorial and that all fundraising and contracts for artistic design and construction of the memorial are the sole responsibility of the proponents.
- Contains a repeal date of January 1, 2027.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Representative Joanne Osborne, R-Dist. 13

**Major Actions:** 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections by a vote of 9-0-4-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee by a vote of 8-0-0-0. 01 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 03 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 57-1-2-0. 04 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

17 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 14 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee by a vote of 4-3-0-0. 21 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. **22 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

### **HB 2223 emergency; military affairs; national guard**

Makes various changes relating to the administration of the Arizona National Guard. Provides tuition reimbursement for spouses and dependents of national guardsmen and for Department of Emergency and Military Affairs employees.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Walter Blackman, R-Dist. 6

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committee. 07 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed Constitutional & Proper by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 52-7-1-0. 24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

28 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 22 Mar 2022- Withdrawn from the Senate Judiciary Committee. Re-assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. 29 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0. 04 Apr 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. **Scheduled for Senate Committee of the Whole on 11 Apr 2022.**

### **HB 2320 veterans’ organization; leased property; classification**

- Classifies property, buildings and fixtures that are leased to a Veterans’ organization as [Class Nine property](#).
- Stipulates that if only part of the parcel or improvements is leased to a Veterans’ organization and primarily used or held for Veterans’ organization operations, only the portion so leased qualifies as Class Nine property.
- Requires the Veterans’ organization to annually with the Assessor an affidavit that it:
  - Continues to use or hold the property primarily for the Veterans’ organization operations; and
  - Is the sole economic beneficiary of the classification of the property as Class Nine.
- Provides a property tax exemption for property, buildings and fixtures that are owned by a Veterans’ organization, that are leased to a Veterans’ organization and that are primarily used for Veterans’ organization operations.
- Defines “Veterans’ organizations” as a United States Veterans’ Organization that qualifies as a charitable organization and that is recognized under 501c3 or 501c19 of the internal revenue code.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. John Kavanagh, R-Dist. 23

**Major Actions:** 20 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means, Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee by a vote of 6-0-4-0. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed Constitutional & Proper by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 59-0-1-0. 25 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.



**03 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 16 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee by a vote of 9-1-0-0. HB 2325 schools; instruction; 9/11 education day**

- Designates September 11, in each year as 9/11 Education Day.
- Specifies that 9/11 Education Day is not a legal holiday.
- Stipulates that if 9/11 Education Day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or other day when a public school is not in session, the preceding or following school day will be observed in the public school as the holiday.
- Requires the State Board of Education to develop a list of recommended resources relating to age-appropriate education on the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 that align with the academic standards prescribed by the Board.
- Directs each public school in this state to dedicate a portion of the school day to age-appropriate education on the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, on 9/11 Education Day each year.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. John Kavanagh, R-Dist. 23

**Major Actions:** 20 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Education and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Education Committee by a vote of 7-3-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 15-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 39-20-1-0. 24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

**28 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Education and Rules Committees. 15 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Education Committee by a vote of 5-3-0-0. 21 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. 22 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

### **HB 2354 tuition; family; post-traumatic stress; suicide**

- Requires the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and Community College District (District), after verification by the Arizona Peace Officers memorial Board, the Arizona Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee or the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services, to provide tuition waiver scholarships to a child or spouse of a person who meets the following criteria:
  - The person:
    - Was a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces or serving or previously served as a peace officer, firefighter or member of the United States Armed Forces at the time of the person’s death;
      - It is not a requirement that the person was employed as a peace officer or firefighter or was serving on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces at the time of the person’s death.
    - Was a resident of this state at the time of the person’s death;
    - Suffered a post-traumatic stress (PTS) injury in the line of duty; and
    - Died by suicide.
- Specifies that a person meets the above requirements on the effective date of this Act is eligible to receive a tuition waiver scholarship as prescribed regardless of the date on which the eligible person’s parent or spouse suffered the PTS injury and died by suicide.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Leo Biasiucci, R-Dist. 5

**Major Actions:** 20 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed Constitutional & Proper by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 15-0-0-0. Passed House

**Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 58-1-1-0. 25 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.**

**03 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Education and Rules Committees. 22 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Education Committee by a vote of 7-0-1-0.**

### **HB 2528 area agencies on aging; appropriation**

Appropriates \$1,500,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2023 to the Department of Economic Security (DES) to distribute to the Area Agencies on Aging.

#### **Adopted Senate Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment**

S/E Title: housing trust fund; federal monies

Appropriates \$100,000,000 from the monies allocated to this state from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in FY23 to the Housing Trust Fund.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Representative Alma Hernandez, D-Dist. 3

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 03 Feb 2022- Withdrawn from the House Health & Human Services Committee. 21 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Appropriations Committee by a vote of 11-0-0-2. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 42-17-1-0. 25 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

**03 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 29 March 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0.**

### **HB 2610 G&F; permits; tags; transfers**

- Removes the requirement that a veteran must have a service-connected disability to receive a transferred big game permit.
- Allows a big game permit to be transferred to a gold star child.
- Requires a gold star child who receives a transferred big game permit and is under 14 to complete an approved hunter education course.

#### **Adopted Senate Finance Committee Strike Everything Amendment**

S/E Title: project unit size; affordable housing

Removes the 200-unit cap for affordable rental housing property to qualify for a property tax exemption.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Representative Judy Burges, R-Dist. 1

**Major Actions:** 31 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water by a vote of 12-0-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 57-1-2-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

**21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water and Rules Committees. 17 Mar 2022- Withdrawn from the Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water**

Committee and reassigned to the Senate Finance Committee. 23 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation by a vote of 6-2-2-0. 28 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.

### **HB 2664 military and transitional housing; fund**

- Establishes the Military and Transitional Housing fund consisting of monies allocated from any federal sources, including monies provided by affordable housing legislation and unused or undesignated stimulus monies or infrastructure monies.
- Requires monies to be spent on approval of the Governor for developing newly constructed transitional housing, in cooperation with Veteran owned and operated non profit organizations and for-profit organizations in this state, for military members.
- Prohibits fund monies being spent on unoccupied hotels and motels designated for homeless Veterans.
- Specifies that fund monies may only be used for military members who will be separating or who have recently separated from the military.
- Allows fund monies to be spent on purchasing and constructing transitional housing facilities for military members who are transitioning into civilian life.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Kevin Payne, R-Dist. 21

**Major Actions:** 07 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 23 Feb 2022- Withdrawn from the House Appropriations Committee. 28 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee. 01 Mar 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 02 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 02 Mar 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 51-7-2-0. 02 Mar 2022- Transmitted to the House.

09 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 22 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7-0-3-0. 31 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.

### **HB 2665 veterans; disability; exemption; property tax**

Exempts a primary residential homestead owned by certain disabled veterans from property taxes.

#### **Adopted Senate Finance Committee Amendment**

Inserts *HCR 2027* as the corresponding House Concurrent Resolution to *HB 2665*.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Kevin Payne, R-Dist. 21

**Major Actions:** 03 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Withdrawn and reassigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 13-0-0-1-1. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 6-1-0-1. 22 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 58-0-1-1. 25 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

**07 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 16 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee by a vote of 7-2-1-0.**

#### **HB 2674 (NOW: housing supply study committee)**

- Establishes the Study Committee that consists of the Director of ADOH or their designee, five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and five members appointed by the President of the Senate.
- Details items for the Study Committee to review, compile and solicit.
- Directs the Study Committee, by December 31, 2022, to submit a report of its findings to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate and Director of ADOH.
- Repeals the Study Committee on July 1, 2023.
- Contains an emergency clause.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Steve Kaiser, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions: 03 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 16 Feb 2022- Withdrawn from the House Commerce Committee. 21 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee by a vote of 10-3-0-0. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee by a vote of 7-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Retained on the House Committee of the Whole calendar. 28 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from House Committee of the Whole. 28 Feb 2022- FAILED House Third Read by a vote of 30-27-3-0. Motion Passed that the House reconsider HB2674 within 14 days. 03 Mar 2022- Motion Passed that HB2674 be referred for an Additional Committee of the Whole for purposes of further amending. Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Additional Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 46-12-2-0. Transmitted to the Senate.**

**09 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. 23 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Commerce Committee by a vote of 8-0-1-0. 28 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

#### **HB 2741 state licensing; fee waiver**

- Requires any agency that issues a an occupational license to waive initial licensing fees, for first time applicants, for any spouse of an active-duty service member and any honorably discharged veteran who had been discharged within two years of submitting the application; and
- Appropriates \$300,000 from the state General Fund to the Arizona Department of Administration each fiscal year to reimburse any agency that waives initial licensing fees.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Representative Joanne Osborne, R-Dist. 13

**Major Actions: 08 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee by a vote of 13-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 52-7-1-0.**

**08 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 16 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Commerce**

Committee by a vote of 8-1-0-0. **29 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0.**

### **HB 2823 tuition waiver; veterans; felonies; eligibility**

**By way of background, current statute** stipulates that a person who is a member or former member of the United States armed forces who received a Purple Heart citation, was a resident of the State of Arizona or was stationed in Arizona at the time of the injury that resulted in the Purple Heart citation and has a disability rating of 50% or more may received a tuition waiver scholarship except they are ineligible for a tuition waiver scholarship if that person has been convicted of a felony.

HB2823 Stipulates that an otherwise qualified member or former member of the United States armed forces is ineligible for a tuition waiver scholarship if convicted of a class 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 felony, providing eligibility to those convicted of a Class 6 felony.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Justin Wilmeth, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions:** 09 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 15-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 42-17-1-0. 25 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

08 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Education and Rules Committees. 22 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Education Committee by a vote of 7-0-1-0. 28 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **07 Apr 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 24-2-4-0. Transmitted to the House.**

### **HCR 2017 constitutional property tax exemption; consolidation**

Upon approval of the voters, provides several property tax exemptions to include the property of an honorably discharge Veteran of the uniformed services of the United States who is a resident of this state and who has a service or nonservice connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor.

### **Adopted Senate Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment**

**S/E Title: elections; judges**

Subject to voter approval, constitutionally requires superior court judges in a county with a population of fewer than 800,000 persons, rather than a population of fewer than 250,000 persons, to be elected in a general election.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Representative Neal Carter, R-Dist. 8

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee by a vote of 8-0-0-2. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 51-7-2-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 24 Mar 2022- Withdrawn from the Senate Finance Committee and re-assigned to the Senate Appropriations

**Committee. 29 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 6-4-0-0.**

### **HCR 2027 property tax; exemption; disability; veterans**

Subject to voter approval, amends the Constitution of Arizona to grant disabled veterans an exemption from property taxes on their primary residential homestead.

### **Adopted Senate Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment**

S/E Title: first responders; assault; death benefits

Subject to voter approval, statutorily requires Arizona to pay the difference of \$1,000,000 and the sum of any onetime death benefits received from a government entity to the surviving spouse or dependent of a first responder killed in the line of duty. Establishes a two percent surcharge on specified criminal and civil monetary penalties for the purpose of providing funding for the death benefits. Increases penalties for aggravated assault against first responders.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Kevin Payne, R-Dist. 21

**Major Actions:** 03 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Withdrawn from the House Ways & Means Committee and reassigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee by a vote of 14-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 54-4-1-1.

08 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 16 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee by a vote of 7-2-1-0. 24 Mar 2022- Additionally assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. **29 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 9-1-0-0.**

## **Bills that Impact the ADVS Administratively**

### **Senate Bills**

### **SB 1175 noncustodial federal monies; appropriation**

- Beginning January 1, 2023, authorizes the Legislature to appropriate noncustodial federal monies. Defines noncustodial federal monies as federal monies that meet one of the following criteria:
  - Designated by the federal government as a block grant monies;
  - Designated by the federal government as general revenue sharing monies;
  - Provides the state with broad authority to make spending decisions to develop, implement or operate a program or service; or
  - Considered essential to meet total spending obligations of a federally matched program.



- Requires a budget unit that receives noncustodial federal monies to account for the monies in separate accounts or funds as necessary to meeting accounting, budgeting and auditing requirements.
- Specifies if the Legislature does not appropriate for a specific fund, grant program or block of noncustodial federal monies, the authorized budget unit must administer and spend the monies according to federal and state law.
- Requires the Legislature to specify, in each noncustodial federal monies appropriation, the purposes the monies are to be used.
- Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2023.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. David Gowan, R-Dist. 14

**Major Actions:** 13 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 25 Jan 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriation Committee by a vote of 5-4-1-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by Senate Rules Committee. 01 Feb 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 09 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 16-13-1-0. Transmitted to the House.

28 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. **09 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee by a vote of 8-5-0-0.**

### **SB 1311 health care workers; assault prevention.**

- States that it is aggravated assault if a person commits an assault knowing or having reason to know that the victim is a health care worker while engaged in the health care worker’s duties and makes it a class 5 felony if the assault involves a physical injury.
- Requires health care employers, no later than July 1, 2023, to develop, implement and maintain a written workplace violence prevention plan that must be available at all times to all health care workers and contractors.
- Requires health care employers to investigate a workplace violence incident as soon as practicable and review the circumstances of the incident, solicit input from all of those involved, and document the findings, recommendations and corrective measures taken for each investigation conducted.
- Requires health care employers to provide training and education to its health care workers who may be exposed to workplace violence.
- Stipulates that the specified penalties do not apply to a person who does not have the ability to form the culpable mental state because of a mental disability.
- States language relating to the workplace violence prevention plan does not apply to the Arizona State Hospital (ASH) or other licensed facility under the jurisdiction of the ASH superintendent.
- Defines mental disability.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Nancy Barto, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 16 Feb 2022- HELD in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. 21 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the the Senate Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 6-1-1-0. 23 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 02 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 03 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 23-4-3-0. 04 Mar 2022- Transmitted to the House.

08 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 21 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-0. 28 Mar 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper”

by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. **29 Mar 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.**

### **SB 1346 state employees; vaccination inquiries prohibited**

Prohibits this state, any state agency or any contractor for this state from sending its employees to inquire about a person's vaccination status on a door-to-door basis.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Wendy Rogers, R-Dist. 6

**Major Actions:** 25 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Government Committee by a vote of 4-2-1-0. 21 Feb 2022 deemed "Proper for Consideration" by Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 17-11-2-0. 24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.

14 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 23 Mar 2022- FAILED the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 5-7-0-1. 23 Mar 2022- Received a "Do Pass on Reconsideration" by a vote of 7-6-0-0. 28 Mar 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. **29 Mar 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.**

### **SB 1567 (NOW employers; vaccinations; religious exemption)**

- Prohibits employers from discriminating against an employee regarding employment, wages or benefits based on vaccination status and from inquiring into the veracity of an employee's religious beliefs.
- Requires employers to allow employees that complete a COVID-19 religious exemption form to opt out of vaccination requirements.
- Outlines the COVID-19 religious exemption form.
- Stipulates that health care institutions are only required to provide vaccination exemptions on religious grounds to the extent required under federal law.
- Permits a terminated employee of a health care institution that did not offer or denied a COVID-19 vaccine religious exemption to file a complaint with the Arizona Department of Health Services.

### **Adopted House Judiciary Committee Amendment**

- Allows an employee to file a complaint with the Attorney General following the employer's denial of a religious exemption and subsequent termination of the employee.
- Directs the Attorney General to investigate complaints alleging an employer did not offer a religious exemption form or improperly applied or denied a religious exemption and the employee was terminated. Requires employers to notify employees of the complaint process.
- Specifies that this law does not apply to employers, other than health care institutions, whose vaccination mandates are mandated by law.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Nancy Barto, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions:** 01 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything" recommendation by a vote of 5-3-0-0. 21 Feb 2022 deemed "Proper for Consideration" by Senate Rules Committee. 08 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 09 March 2022- Retained on the Senate Committee of the Whole Calendar. 10 Mar 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 14 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 16-13-1-0. 15 Mar 2022- Transmitted to the House.

**16 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce Committee. 17 Feb 2022- Withdrawn from the House Commerce Committee and re-assigned to the House Judiciary Committee. 23 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 6-4-0-0.**

### **SB 1641 health care institutions; civil penalties**

Increases, from \$500 to \$1000, the maximum civil penalty assessed for violation of health care institution statutes and rules.

### **Proposed House Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment**

Allows a school district or charter school (school) to offer courses that are provided remotely in a live and synchronous setting by another school. Creates tuition caps for dual enrollment courses. Establishes the Arizona Dual Enrollment Fund (Fund) and appropriates monies to the Fund.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Sen. Tyler Pace, R-Dist. 25

**Major Actions: 01 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 16 Feb 2022- HELD in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. 21 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 7-0-1-0. 23 Feb 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 28-0-2-0. 25 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.**

**02 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 07 Mar 2022- HELD in the House Health & Human Services Committee. 21 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-0. 22 Mar 2022- Additionally assigned to the House Appropriations Committee. 28 Mar 2022- FAILED the House Appropriations Committee by a vote of 4-9-0-0.**

## **House Bills**

### **HB 2049 fingerprint requirements; care facilities**

- Clarifies that volunteers or contracted persons of residential care institutions, nursing care institutions or home health agencies providing certain services, including *direct* supportive services must have a valid fingerprint clearance card or apply for a fingerprint clearance card within 20 working days of volunteer or contracted work.
- Prohibits a volunteer or contracted person from continuing to provide specified services including *direct* supportive services if the person's fingerprint clearance card has been suspended or revoked.
- States that an employee, volunteer or contractor of a residential care institution, nursing care institution or home health agency that is eligible for a good cause exception and provides documentation of applying for it but has not received a decision is exempt from fingerprinting requirements if they provide specified services under direct visual supervision.
- Removes the following requirements:

- That an owner or employee of a residential care institution, nursing care institution or home health agency provide direct supervision of a volunteer providing specified services to residents or patients unless the volunteer has a valid fingerprint clearance card;
- That employees of a residential care institution, home health agency or nursing care institutions, are not required to meet the fingerprint and criminal records check requirements again if that person remains employed by the same employer or changes employment within two years after satisfying fingerprinting requirements; and
- A person who has received approval before May 7, 2001 and remains employed by the same employer is not required to apply for a fingerprint clearance card.
- Defines *direct supportive services* as:
  - Services other than home health services that provide direct individual care and that are not provided in a common area of a health care institution, including
  - Assistance with ambulating, bathing, toileting, grooming, eating and getting in and out of a bed or chair.
  - Assistance with self-administration of medication.
  - Janitorial, maintenance, housekeeping or other services provided in a resident's room.
  - Transportation services, including van services.
    - Specifies that direct supportive services do not include services provided by a person contracted directly by a resident or the resident's family in a health care institution.

#### Adopted Senate Health & Human Services Committee Amendment

Removes the requirement that a volunteer must obtain a fingerprint clearance card to provide services to residents or patients and reinserts that that an owner or employee of a residential care institution, nursing care institution or home health agency provide direct supervision of a volunteer providing specified services to residents or patients unless the volunteer has a valid fingerprint clearance card;

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Justin Wilmeth, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions:** 12 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 31 Jan 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 14 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 14 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 54-2-4-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

14 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 09 Mar 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 6-0-2-0. 31 Mar 2022- Deemed "Proper for Consideration" by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 06 Apr 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. **07 Apr 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 25-1-4-0. Transmitted to the House.**

#### HB 2070 open meetings; capacity; posting; violation

- Requires all public bodies, for the purposes of public meetings, to provide for an amount of seating to accommodate the reasonably anticipated attendance of all persons desiring to attend the deliberations and proceedings when feasible.
- Provides that the agenda posted for the public meeting must include notice of the time that the public will have physical access to the meeting place.
- Stipulates that any head of a public body that violates the seating accommodation or notice of time that the public will have physical access to the meeting place requirements is liable for a civil penalty.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. John Kavanagh, R-Dist. 23

**Major Actions:** 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 26 Jan 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 7-6-0-0. 31 Jan 2022- Deemed Constitutional & Proper by the House Rules Committee by a vote of 5-3-0-0. 01 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 03 Feb 2022- Retained on the House Committee of the Whole calendar. 14 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 23 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 31-28-1-0. 24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

28 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 07 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee by a vote of 4-2-1-0. 14 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. 15 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 23 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. **23 Mar 2022- FAILED Senate Third Read by a vote of 15-13-2-0. Senator Petersen motion to reconsider whereby the Senate failed to pass HB 2070 on Third Reading on March 23, 2022. Motion carried.**

### **HB 2120 injury reports; medical treatment**

Limits the injuries that are reported by employers and physicians as it pertains to workers' compensation to only those requiring *medical treatment* and specifies that *medical treatment* does not include any onetime, short-term treatment by nonmedical staff that requires little technology or training to administer, including treatment of minor scratches, cuts, burns and splinters and other issues that ordinarily do not require medical care

### **Adopted Senate Finance Committee Strike-Everything Amendment**

S/E Title: workers' compensation

Narrows the type of injuries that must be included in an injury report by an employer and a physician to injuries requiring medical treatment. Requires any experience rating adjustment, for workers' compensation claims involving medical-only loss, to be applied to reduce the impact of the loss in the employer's experience modification rating.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Steve Kaiser, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions:** 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Commerce Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-1. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 59-0-1-0. 24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

28 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. 10 Mar 2022- Withdrawn from the Senate Commerce Committee and re-assigned to the Senate Finance Committee. 16 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike-Everything” recommendation by a vote of 10-0-0-0. 21 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. **22 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

### **HB 2121 workers' compensation; medical-only loss**

Specifies, for claims involving medical-only loss, any experience rating adjustment will be applied as a reduction to the employer's experience modification calculation and defines medical-only loss as loss that has no indemnity value reflecting lost wages.

### Adopted Senate Finance Committee Strike-Everything Amendment

S/E Title: Medicare supplement; insurance; fees; consent

- Decreases the minimum amount of the nonrefundable fee for the certificate of the Director of the Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions (DIFI), under seal; and
- Requires an oral communication that meets outlined requirements to qualify as consent for an insurer to deliver documents electronically and requires the oral consent to apply only to an agreement to the use of electronic communication with the insurer.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Steve Kaiser, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions:** 18 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Commerce Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-1. Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 59-0-1-0. 24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

28 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. 10 Mar 2022- Withdrawn from the Senate Commerce Committee and re-assigned to the Senate Finance Committee. 16 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike-Everything” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee by a vote of 7-3-0-0. 21 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. **22 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

### HB 2198 employee termination; COVID-19 vaccine; compensation

- Entitles an employee who is terminated for not receiving a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of employment to receive the following:
  - Severance compensation paid by an employer in the amount of the employee's annual salary in one lump sum or installment payments over twelve months; and
  - Reemployment with the employer at the same or similar position held on the date the employee was terminated and a reasonable accommodation provided by the employer to the employee.
- Contains a retroactive date of December 1, 2021.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Steve Kaiser, R-Dist. 15

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Commerce Committee by a vote of 5-4-1-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 5-3-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. **28 Feb 2020- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole.**

### HB 2316 misconduct involving weapons; public places

Allows a person with a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) to carry a deadly weapon into a public event or public establishment, with the following exceptions:

- A public event or public establishment that is a secure facility;
- The licensed premises of a public event or public establishment that has a liquor license under A.R.S. Title 4;



- A state, county or municipal judicial department, prosecutorial office or facility, law enforcement agency or correctional facility;
- An area where firearm possession is prohibited by federal law;
- An educational institution defined in A.R.S. § 13-2911;
- A community college district or a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents;
- Facilities operated by the Arizona State Hospital;
- An entity that operates a federal reclamation project; or
- A public establishment that is a vehicle or craft.

Defines “Secured Facility” as:

- A public establishment or public event that has security personnel and electronic weapons screening devices at each entrance;
- A public establishment or public event with security personnel who screen each person and require every person carrying a weapon to leave it in temporary and secure storage; or
- The area of a public event or public establishment that is not generally accessible to the public and has:
  - Security personnel, or
  - Biometric, coded or employee-restricted entry to limit access.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. John Kavanagh, R-Dist. 23

**Major Actions:** 19 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 7-5-0-1. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 31-28-1-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 03 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 5-3-0-0. **07 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee.**

### **HB 2371 state agencies; cash payment; acceptance**

Requires each state agency or authorized agent of a state agency to accept cash and money orders to pay any amount due to that agency or agent or this state.

#### **Adopted Senate Finance Committee Strike Everything Amendment**

S/E Title: enforcement prohibition; vaccinations; requirements

Prohibits the state and any political subdivision that receives and uses state tax revenues (governmental entity) from enforcing a requirement that any person under 18 years of age receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or a COVID-19 variant without parental consent. Classifies, as a class 1 misdemeanor, a violation of the prohibition.

#### **Adopted Senate Committee of the Whole Floor Amendment**

Prohibits a governmental entity from requiring a minor to receive a COVID-19 vaccination without the consent of a parent or guardian, rather than enforcing any requirement that a minor receive a COVID-19 vaccination without parental consent.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Shawwna Bolick, R-Dist. 20

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 13-0-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 58-0-2-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 23 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee by a vote of 6-1-3-0. 31 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **06 Apr 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole.**

### HB 2389 rulemaking review; time frame

- Changes the time period from one year to six months for an agency that the Legislature has granted a onetime rulemaking exemption to review a rule adopted by an agency to determine whether the rule should be amended or repealed.
- Repeals the requirement for an agency to publish otherwise exempt rules or provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the rules.
- Modifies the time period that an agency must propose an amendment or repeal of a rule to no earlier than 90 days after GRRC determines the rule to be materially flawed.

### Adopted Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee Strike-Everything Amendment

S/E Title: River Water Transfer

Limits the transference or conveyance of a claim to use fourth priority Colorado River water to specified uses in Arizona counties adjacent to the western border of Arizona.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Tim Dunn, R-Dist. 13

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 11-0-0-2. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 49-9-2-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 09 Mar 2022- Withdrawn from the Senate Government Committee and reassigned to the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee. 16 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike-Everything” recommendation from the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee by a vote of 7-2-0-0. **31 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

### HB 2397 emotional abuse; vulnerable adults

- Modifies the definition of *abuse* to include *emotional abuse*.
- Defines *emotional abuse* as a pattern of ridiculing or demeaning a vulnerable adult, making derogatory remarks to a vulnerable adult, verbally harassing a vulnerable adult or threatening to inflict physical or emotional harm on a vulnerable adult.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Tim Dunn, R-Dist. 13

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 07 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation by a vote 9-0-0-0. 14 Feb

**2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 49-9-2-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.**

**21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 02 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 7-0-1-0. 07 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. 08 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

### **HB 2412 open meetings; digital recordings**

- Specifies that all public bodies must provide for an audio or audiovisual recording of all their meetings.
- Directs all public bodies to provide for the taking of written minutes or a recording of executive sessions.
- Allows public bodies the option of posting a direct link of the audio or audiovisual recording on their website.
- Stipulates that the audio or audiovisual or direct link of the recording must be posted on its website no later than three working days after the meeting.
- Specifies that the minutes must be posted for public inspection no later than three working days after approval of the minutes.
- Requires an entity that is formed for the purpose of protecting or providing services to agricultural lands or crops to provide for the taking of written minutes and allows the entity to provide for an audio or audiovisual recording of meetings.
- Instructs an entity providing for the taking of written minutes to make the minutes available for public inspection no later than three working days following approval of the minutes and allows the posting of the minutes on its website, if applicable.
- Modifies the time period for any required posting to remain on the applicable website to three years after the date of the posting, rather than one year.

### **Adopted Senate Government Committee Amendment**

Applies requirements related to the taking of minutes and recordings by an agricultural special taxing district to fire districts and natural resource conservation districts.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Jacqueline Parker, R-Dist. 16

**Major Actions: 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 8-5-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed Minority and Majority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar. 23 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 34-25-1-0. 24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.**

**28 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 07 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee by a vote of 4-3-0-0. 21 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. 22 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

### **HB 2449 care facilities; clergy visitation**

- Requires that if a health care institution visitation policy allows in-person visitation of any kind, the health care institution must allow a clergy member to visit a resident who requests an in-person

visit or consents to be visited in person for religious purposes by the clergy member, including during a declared state of emergency.

- Mandates the institution must allow clergy to visit a resident, upon request, if the resident's death is imminent.
- Allows an institution to require clergy to comply with reasonable health and safety precautions.
- States an institution is not liable to a person visiting a resident, or to the resident, for civil damages resulting from death or injury from a communicable disease resulting from the visitation provided the institution complied with health and safety precautions.
- Allows a person or religious organization to bring a civil action against the institution if clergy visitation is denied.
- Contains an emergency clause.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Quang Nguyen, R-Dist. 1

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 5-3-0-0. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 57-2-1-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 16 Mar 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 4-2-2-0. 21 Mar 2022- Deemed "Proper for Consideration" by the Senate Rules Committee. 22 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 06 Apr 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole.

**Scheduled for Senate Third Read on 11 Apr 2022.**

### **HB 2453 governmental entities; mask requirement; prohibition**

- Prohibits a governmental entity from imposing any requirement to wear a mask or face covering anywhere on the governmental entity's premises, except where long-standing workplace safety and infection control measures that are unrelated to COVID-19 may be required.
- Exempts a healthcare institution established pursuant to statute from the prohibition on a mask requirement.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Neal Carter, R-Dist. 8

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 7-6-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 5-3-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 17 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 17 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 31-28-1-0. 18 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

21 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committee. 28 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Government Committee by a vote of 4-3-0-0. 07 Mar 2022- Deemed "Proper for Consideration" by the Senate Rules Committee. **08 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

### **HB 2498 COVID-19; vaccination requirements; prohibition**

- Prohibits any government entity from requiring a resident of this state to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19.
- Defines government entity as this state or any political subdivision of this state that receives and uses tax revenues.
- Specifies that the prohibition of a government entity to require a resident of this state to receive a vaccination for COVID19 or any variant of COVID-19 does not apply to a health care institution that is owned or operated by a government entity in this state.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Representative Jake Hoffman, R-Dist. 12

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 7-5-0-1. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2022- Motion passed to placed HB2498 on Additional Committee of the Whole. Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Additional Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 31-28-1-0. 25 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the House.

03 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 14 Mar 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Government Committee by a vote of 4-3-0-0. 21 Mar 2022- Deemed "Proper for Consideration" by the Senate Rules Committee. **22 Mar 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

### **HB 2505 procurement; information disclosure; bidders**

Requires the director of the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) to provide a question and answer period for interested parties and bidders outside of the procurement process.

### **Proposed Senate Appropriations Committee Strike Everything Amendment**

S/E Title: tobacco; age; definitions

Effective January 1, 2023, raises, from 18 years old to 21 years old, the minimum legal age for tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor products. Modifies statutes governing the furnishing and sale of tobacco products to include alternative nicotine and vapor products.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Representative Ben Toma, R-Dist. 22

**Major Actions:** 24 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committee. 02 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee by a vote of 13-0-0-0. 07 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2022- Passed House Minority and Majority Caucus. 10 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 56-0-4-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

22 Mar 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 29 Mar 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 5-4-1-0. **31 Mar 2022- Deemed "Proper for Consideration" by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

### **HB 2587 public records; point of contact**

- Requires any entity who is subject to a public records request to provide the following information of the employee or department that is able and authorized to provide the requested information or able to forward the request to an employee or department that is authorized and able to provide such information:

- Name;
- Telephone number; and
- Email address.
- Specifies that the contact information of the authorized employee or department must be made available to the public on the website maintained by the entity.
- Directs the authorized employee or department to reply within five business days acknowledging receipt of the request for a public record unless the entity maintains a centralized online portal for submission of public records requests that provides receipt on submission of a request.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Travis Grantham, R-Dist. 12

**Major Actions:** 26 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections by a vote of 7-1-4-1. 14 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-1. 15 Feb 2022- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 49-10-1-0. 24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

28 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 21 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee by a vote of 7-0-0-0. 28 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **07 Apr 2022- Passed Senate Third Read by a vote of 24-2-4-0. Transmitted to the House.**

### **HB 2599 administrative hearings; GRRC**

- Makes various revisions relating to reviewing agency rules and appealable agency actions.
- Establishes a dispute resolution process for disputes involving an interim agency action.
- Codifies certain provisions of the Governor's Executive Order (2021-02) relating to occupational and professional licensure and agency rulemaking.
- Excludes the Judiciary from the definition of regulating entity and state agency, regarding occupational licensure and agency rulemaking.

### **Adopted Senate Commerce Committee Amendment**

Stipulates that the requirement for state agencies to recommend at least three existing rules to eliminate when submitting a rulemaking request does not apply to rules that are necessary to secure or maintain assumption of federal regulatory programs, rules that are necessary to comply with an auditor general recommendation or rules that are necessary to address a new statutory requirement.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Rep. Travis Grantham, R-Dist. 12

**Major Actions:** 31 Jan 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Commerce Committee by a vote of 10-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed “Constitutional & Proper” by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 22 Feb 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. Passed House Third Read by a vote of 59-0-1-0. 23 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

24 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. 16 Mar 2022- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Commerce Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-0. 21 Mar 2022- Deemed “Proper for Consideration” by the Senate Rules Committee. **22 mar 2022- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

### **HB 2635 health care workers; assault: prevention**



- States that it is aggravated assault if a person commits an assault knowing or having reason to know that the victim is a health care worker while engaged in the health care worker's duties and makes it a class 5 felony if the assault involves a physical injury.
- Requires health care employers, no later than July 1, 2023, to develop, implement and maintain a written workplace violence prevention plan that must be available at all times to all health care workers and contractors.
- Requires health care employers to investigate a workplace violence incident as soon as practicable and review the circumstances of the incident, solicit input from all of those involved, and document the findings, recommendations and corrective measures taken for each investigation conducted.
- Requires health care employers to provide training and education to its health care workers who may be exposed to workplace violence.
- Stipulates that the specified penalties do not apply to a person who does not have the ability to form the culpable mental state because of a mental disability.
- States language relating to the workplace violence prevention plan does not apply to the Arizona State Hospital (ASH) or other licensed facility under the jurisdiction of the ASH superintendent.
- Defines mental disability.

#### **Adopted Senate Health & Human Services Strike Everything Amendment**

S/E Title: breast implant surgery; informed consent

Applies statutory informed consent requirements for cosmetic breast implant surgery to breast implant surgery for reconstructive purposes.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Representative Amish Shah, D-Dist. 24

**Major Actions:** 01 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2022- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 9-0-0-0. 21 Feb 2022- Deemed "Constitutional & Proper" by the House Rules Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2022- Passed House Third Read by a vote of 56-3-1-0. 24 Feb 2022- Transmitted to the Senate.

28 Feb 2022- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 23 Mar 2022- Received a "Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything" recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee by a vote of 6-0-2-0. **28 Mar 2022- Deemed "Proper for Consideration" by the Senate Rules Committee. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**